balance-sheet giving the state of affairs of the Institute on each of the two dates (31st March, 1986 and the 31st March, 1987) duly audited and adopted by the Board. The audit certificate clearly shows that the balance-sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Institute on the two dates. There is, therefore, no question of the figures in the balance-sheet under any head of account being unrealistic.

Amount spent under Inter-State or Economic Importance Roads Scheme

2251. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what amount was spent under inter-State or Economic Importance Roads Schemes in different States during the last five years yearwise and Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement indicating the requisite information is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 128.]

Scrapping of Special Powers of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities

2252. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of occasions when special powers have been exercised by Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities during academic sessions 1986-87, 1987-88 and the current academic year;

(b) what is the justification therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for scrapping these powers in order to ensure democratisation of Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

Intrusions by China into Indian Territory after 1962

2253. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been intrusions into Indian territory by China after 1962; if so, where, when and the areas affected each time;

(b) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to China, had expressed India's concern on these intrusions;

(c) what are the reasons for not insisting that China reciprocally accept the areas under new intrusions, as Indian territory and vacate them as a first step in the 'time-frame' agreed to solve the border problem while India announced its acceptance of Tibet as China's internal affairs; and

(d) what is the position of China's troops intrusions in Arunachal Pradesh and what steps are contemplated to have it vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Since the conflict of 1962, there have been no Chinese encroachments West of the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector, and in the Middle Sector. In the Eastern Sector, a Chinese presence was noticed in the Sumdorong Chu Valley of the Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh in June 1986.

(b) During the Prime Minister's visit to China in December 1988, the need for both sides to prevent incidents in the border areas and to devise a practical mechanism for maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas was emphasised by the Indian side. It was ag-

reed that these matters could be dicussed in the Joint Working Group on the boundary question.

(c) and (d) There is no agreed timeframe for the settlement of the boundary question.

Differences in interpretation of the Line of Actual Control in the Eastern Sector are the subject of discussion between the Governments of India and China.

It has been Government's consistent position that Tibet is an autonomous region of China. This stand was reiterated during the Prime Minister's visit.

Non-Supply of Indian Airlines Time Table

2254. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that time table of Indian Airlines are not supplied to the Members of Parliament and to the public;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these time tables would be published and what steps Government propose to take for the regular and timely publication of the time tables and supply them to the Members of Parliament and the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The time tables of Indian Airlines are printed and distributed regularly. However, in December, 1988 and February, 1989 Indian Airlines could not publish its time tables due to rescheduling of flights due to capacity constraints. The schedules effective 1st March, 1989 have been printed and distributed.

Ban on Marine Officers to join Foreign Ships

2255. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Shipping (DGS) in consultation with his Ministry, has victimised a large number of marine officers through the blanket ban imposed on their joining foreign ships;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had earlier given no objection clearance to the marine officers to join foreign ships; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for revising the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Shortages of marine officers to man Indian ships have been reported to Government, Director General (Shipping) and on the basis of requests of the shipping industry, DG (Shipping) has issued a notification dt. 20.1.1989 under Section 115 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, requiring owner, master or agent of a foreign ship to obtain prior permission of the DG(S) before engaging in India, any engineer officer, navigating officer and radio officer.

(c) and (d) Prior to the issue of the above notification no permission of Government was required by marine officers to take up jobs on foreign ships and further this was not objected to on account of the lack of jobs on Indian ships during the earlier recessionary period.

Visit of Indian Team to China to discuss Border Issue

2256. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has recently sent a team for talks with China on the border issue;